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*St. Mary Parish of Appleton
is a Catholic faith community that makes Eucharist the
primary celebration of our unity in Christ.
We are committed to nourishing spiritual needs and
responding with our gifts to Jesus' call to stewardship
both locally and in our world.*

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CONFESSIONS:

Saturday – 9 AM

Other times by request

Privacy is assured

BAPTISM: Please contact Sr. Joanne at the
parish office

MARRIAGES:

Congratulations on your engagement!
Please contact Deacon Gerry at the parish
office at least 6 months before your planned
wedding date.

MASSES:

Daily: Tues. & Fri. 8:30 AM

Wed. Thurs. 12:05 PM

Saturday evening: 4:30 PM

Sundays: 8, 9:30, 11 AM

Holydays: see bulletin

Summer Mass Schedule:

Saturday evening: 4:30 PM

Sundays: 8:30 & 10:30 AM



FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT

December 18, 2016



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Table with 3 columns: Day, Time, and Mass Description. Includes dates from Mon., Dec. 19 to Sun., Dec. 25.

WEEKLY EVENTS

- December 19 (Mon) 9:00 AM Put Up Trees/Church
December 20 (Tues) 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel
December 21 (Wed) 11:30 AM Children's Choir/Marquette St. Campus
December 22 (Thurs) 11:30 AM Children's Choir/Oneida St. Campus
December 23 (Fri) 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel
December 24 (Sat) CHRISTMAS EVE
December 25 (Sun) CHRISTMAS DAY

CONTRIBUTIONS

OFFICE: Dec 5-Dec. 9: \$9949.00
CHILDREN'S: \$22.00
WEEKEND: Dec. 10-11: \$31,263.76

Prayer Requests: Contact Laurie Richter (lauriejrichter@gmail.com) or Mary Jo Zilisch (734-1182) if you have a prayer need.

How Can We Pray For You?

In Joy & Sorrow...

Pondering Together the Treasures of our Faith

On this last week of the grace-filled season of Advent, the Church reminds us that "it is by Jesus' gift that we already rejoice at the mystery of his Nativity, so that he may find us watchful in prayer and exultant in his praise"

If you are like me, I need to slow down a bit more this coming week so to enter into a deeper spirit of watchful prayer, and to prepare, once again, to be awed by the mystery of the Nativity of our God.

Have you prepared your heart for the celebration of Christmas?

I would like to recommend an excellent website that can be a great help to your prayer life, which is all about being attentive in stillness to the nearness of the Lord. The site is carmelites.net.

On the Carmelites website, you will find a 4-part series entitled "Advent Prayer of Aspiration." Let me just lift a section of this series into this column.

"The prayer of aspiration is beautifully appropriate for the Advent season in which we anticipate and prepare ourselves for the birth of our Lord. The word aspiration means both hope and ambition as well as the process of drawing breath.



"Aspirations are a simple regard for God, a sigh of desire for God, an internal act of love that inflames the heart. They are an elevation of the heart to God and a settling gently back into oneself. Prayers of aspiration can take the form of a wordless sigh of love for God, or a short prayer that helps aspire the heart, like "Come, Lord Jesus," "Lord, please help me," "Please forgive me, Lord," or "Thank you, Lord."

My friends, the spiritual life is all about desire. Do we desire the Lord only? Is our prayer an expression of our longing for an intimacy with the Lord? All good stuff to keep in mind on these last days of Advent.....Father Bill +

Adult Faith Formation

Please pre-register for these events.
RSVP to Carol Jensen by phone (739-3700 x 22)
or email (cjensen@stmaryparish.org).

Reflections for the New Year

Thursday, December 29 • 10 AM-noon • St. Joe's Rm. 209-211
Did you know the French begin the New Year by eating a stack of pancakes? So will we! Join us for a pancake breakfast at 9:30 AM. Stay for a morning of prayer and fun, to learn about unique New Year's customs, and to reflect on the year past, and where you are going in 2017. Be sure to bring your 2016 calendar. Free will offering requested.

Give Yourself a Gift!

Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) Retreats

Men's: February 25-26 / Women's: March 25-26

Here's what last year's participants liked best:

"The beautiful shared testimonies of faith walks and reflections afterward. The whole experience was very nice and definitely a growth experience.

"Meeting new women in our parishes."

"Enjoyed time to focus with other men, away from distractions."

"Wonderful hospitality from beginning to end."

Brochures for CRHP can be found at the back of church. No cost to you! Questions? Call Carol at 739-5119.

January Opportunities

Understanding Your God-Given Emotions: Worry, Fear, Sadness, Anger, Joy, Love, with Victoria Gossens, MSW.

January 10, 6:30 PM, St. Joseph Holly Hall. Free will offering.

Alpha Begins January 12! Thursday evenings, 6:00 PM. Register before January 7.

De-Stress and Feel Your Best with Victoria Gossens, MSW.

January 17, 6:30 PM, St. Joseph Holly Hall. Free will offering.

QPR Training for Suicide Prevention by Prevent Suicide-Fox Cities. January 31, 6:30 PM, Community Room. Please register before January 24.



There's still time
for you to add
your stars to
our Advent
Project in the
Marian Way. Light up our Advent
sky with good works!

{ Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel. IS 7:14 }

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

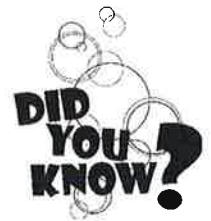
Christmas Eve: 4, 6:30, and 10 PM
Christmas Day: 8:30 and 10:30 AM



thanks to you.

Thank you to all who
donated to or shopped
at our Bake Sale last
weekend!
It was a great success,

As a parish, we donated 2,193
pounds of food to the St. Joseph
Food Program through our
B.A.G. Weekend. Way to go!



St. Mary Magical Night of Fun

We are seeking bucket raffle items for our annual parish fundraiser is on February 18, 2017. If you would like to donate any crafts, concert tickets, sporting event tickets, homemade jams, jellies, pickles, gift certificates of any denomination, etc., please contact Katie Schuh at schuhfam@new.rr.com or (920) 739-0032. Items are needed no later than Friday, February 4, 2017.

Praying for Your Children Every Month

Parenting is the best of jobs and, at times, the most difficult of jobs. One where we need God to guide us and a community to support us. This is an opportunity to join other parents and pray for "our" children – a time to ask God to make His presence a part of your children's life and work powerfully on their behalf. This is open to all parents, relatives and neighbors to pray together for any and all of your children. No need to sign up. Every third Tuesday during the school year from 6:30-7:00 PM in the Xavier High Chapel. Questions? Ann McKnight: amcknight@xaviercatholicschools.org

Don't Wait Until the Last Day! 2016 IRS Contribution Laws

We are thankful for your financial stewardship gifts.

The IRS requires donations to be received ON or BEFORE Dec. 31, 2016 to qualify for your 2016 deductions.

- ⇒ The parish office closes at 4:30 on Thursday, Dec. 29 and will be closed on Friday, Dec. 30.
- ⇒ Checks dated 2016 and placed in the New Year's Eve collection will be posted to 2016. All checks placed in the New Year's Day collection, including pre-dated checks, will be posted to 2017 and will not qualify for a 2016 tax deduction.

In Loving Memory

In the spirit of Christian charity, please pray for those who have lost a loved one. May fond memories comfort you during this difficult time. If you have lost a loved one and would like to have him or her remembered in the bulletin, please call the office at 739-5119.

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